

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 6 of the specification between lines 10 - 17 as follows:

The support material is preferably a structure built up from polymer fibres ~~around or~~ a porous polymer structure or an acellular biological tissue. Suitable synthetic polymers for this use also include bioerodable polymers, such as e.g. polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid (PLA), polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) and poly-4-hydroxybutyrate (P4HB), polycaprolactones, (PLGA), polycarbonates, polyamides, polyanhydrides, polyamino acids, polyorthoesters, polyacetates, polycyanoacrylates and degradable polyurethanes, and nonerodable polymers, such as polyacrylates, ethylene/vinyl acetate polymers and other substituted cellulose acetates as well as derivatives thereof. Polyesters are preferred here.